IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace any previous listing of the claims with the following replacement listing of the claims:

Replacement Listing of the Claims

1.   (Currently amended) A source control system for a process control system, comprising:

a processor in a process control system;

a database accessible by said processor to store information associated with an object under source control to be checked-out; and

a check-out function operable on said processor to check-out said object, to use said information to determine whether any dependent objects exist, and to automatically check-out said existing dependent objects, wherein said object is a user defined template, and wherein said existing dependent objects are children user defined templates of said object or instances of said object or of said children user defined templates.

2.   (Original) The system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a propagation function operable on said processor to propagate changes made to said object to said existing dependent objects, when said object is saved.

3.   (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein said stored information includes a reference to a parent object.

4.   (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein said stored information is at least one selected from the group consisting of: a name, a version number, a type and a status.

5.   (Original) A method of automatic check-out for a source control system in a process control system, comprising:

    storing information associated with an object;

    receiving a request from a user to check-out said object;

    determining whether any dependent objects of said object exist based on said information;

    automatically checking-out said existing dependent objects when said object is checked-out, wherein said object is a user defined template, and wherein said existing dependent objects are children user defined templates of said object or instances of said object or of said children user defined templates; and

    providing a status to said user.

6.   (Original) The method according to claim 5, further comprising:

    sorting said existing dependent objects so that parents precede children.

7.   (Original) The method according to claim 5, wherein one of said existing dependent objects is a derivation child of said object.

8.   (Original) The method according to claim 7, further comprising:

    automatically checking-out a said derivation child only if a said derivation child is checked-in.

9 and 10.   (Canceled)

11-15.   (Canceled)

16.   (Previously presented) A computer readable medium having executable instructions stored thereon to perform a method of determining object relationships when checking-in, said method comprising

    determining whether an object to be checked-in has a first derivation parent;

adding a name and a version of said first derivation parent to a list of object relationships, if said object has said first derivation parent;

determining for each contained object that is contained in said object, whether said contained object has a second derivation parent, if said object does not have said first derivation parent;

adding a name and a version of said second derivation parent to said list of object relationships, if said contained object has said second derivation parent; and

providing said list of object relationships.

17.   (Original) A computer readable medium having executable instructions stored thereon to perform a method of automatic check-out for a source control system in a process control system, said method comprising

storing information associated with an object;

receiving a request from a user to check-out said object;

determining whether any dependent objects of said object exist based on said information;

automatically checking-out said existing dependent objects when said object is checked-out, wherein said object is a user defined template, and wherein said existing dependent objects are children user defined templates of said object or instances of said object or of said children user defined templates; and

providing a status to said user.